

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended): The process of claim 49 further comprising drying the coating composition between 60 degrees F and 160 degrees F.
3. (currently amended): The process of claim 49 wherein ~~component A is a binder and~~ component B is a hardener with slow reactivity and component C is a hardener with fast reactivity.
4. (original): The process of claim 3 wherein component A is a hydroxyl functional binder and components B and C are isocyanate functional hardeners.
5. (currently amended): The process of claim 4 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of component A ~~the shared component~~ is in between about 5% and 95%.
6. (currently amended): The process of claim 5 wherein the mixing ratio is selected such that the volume percentage of the shared component A is in between about 10% and 90%.
7. (currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein said substrate is a vehicle surface panel with said coating composition comprising a primer to be applied as an external coating to said panel, with there being a first component (A) comprising a binder ~~(the shared component)~~, and there being at least one of a second component (B) and third component (C), component B comprising a sanding

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hardener and component C comprising a wet-in-wet hardener, wherein the volumetric ratio of component A to component B+ component C ranging from 100:80 to 100:60.

8. (currently amended): The process of claim 4-9 further comprising a hardener component D ~~such that~~ wherein component C is a binder having a different reactivity from ~~its like~~ binder component A ~~or B~~ and component D is a hardener having a different reactivity from ~~its like~~ hardener component A ~~or B~~.
9. (new): A process for formulating and applying various coating compositions comprising
formulating a coating composition employing a plural component apparatus, said apparatus having fixed components wherein the components comprise:
A. at least one binder component A;
B. at least one hardener component B; and
C. at least one component C selected from:
i. a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or
ii. a hardener having a different reactivity than component B
wherein the step of formulating comprises setting the apparatus according to a selected predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C;

spraying a substrate with the coating composition; and

components A, B and C remaining fixed in the apparatus, whereby the apparatus is ready to be set for a subsequent mixing ratio of the fixed components, this permitting various coating compositions to be formulated and applied to different substrates without changing the components.
10. (new): A method of formulating coating compositions within a plural component apparatus and applying said coating compositions comprising the steps of:
i) filling said plural component apparatus with individual fixed components, said components being
A) at least one binder component A;
B) at least one hardener component B; and
C) at least one component C selected from:
a binder having a different reactivity than component A; or
a hardener having different reactivity than component B

ii) setting said plural component apparatus to a predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C to form the first of said coating compositions;

iii) spraying a substrate with said fixed components in said first predetermined mixing ratio; and

iv) setting said plural component apparatus to a different predetermined mixing ratio of the fixed components A, B and C in order to form another of said coating compositions with said fixed components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus;

such that by repeating steps ii), iii) and iv) various coating compositions may be formulated and applied to different substrates with said components A, B, and C remaining fixed in the apparatus.